

MEMO TO FILE

RE: Gasoline odor at 915 N. Eagle

On Monday afternoon, June 28, 1993, David Duffield received a call from City Utilities about a gasoline odor in a house at 915 N. Eagle. David relayed the call to this office. David Renkoski and I went to that address and talked to the owner of the house. She had noticed the odor coming up from the floor drain in her basement and called CU. There was still a gasoline odor in the basement when we got there at 2:30 p.m. and the explosion meter read 5-15% at the floor drain. David and I checked manholes in the area (we map M-7) and got the following readings:

MH 18	2:40 p.m.	5-10% L.E.L. (We opened the cover and put a cone on it)
We were unable to locate MH's 17 and 23		
MH 18	3:00 p.m.	0-5% L.E.L.
MH 20	3:04 p.m.	0% L.E.L.
915 N. Eagle (floor drain)	3:15 p.m.	0-1% L.E.L.

We talked to the owner of the house again and told her it appeared that someone had dumped some petroleum product in the sanitary sewer. We suggested she pour some water in the drain. We also told her to call the fire department if she had any more problems with the odor in the night. We came back to the office to get a barricade to put over the manhole because we were going to leave it open all night. Gene suggested we check the floor drain at 915 N. Eagle to see if the drain plug was missing. David and I went back to the area and put a barricade over MH 18, which is located in the backyard of 920 N. Eagle. This house has been sold and was apparently vacant. We went back to the house and checked the floor drain. The drain plug was missing. We advised the homeowner that getting a drain plug would take care of the odor coming up through the sewer there. When we got back to the office I called Fire Marshall Ken Ehrmann about the situation. I also called Vernon Baker of Carol Jones Realtors to tell him that the manhole cover behind 920 N. Eagle was partially open, because he is the agent who had the house listed.

On Tuesday morning, June 29, 1993, David and I went back to 920 N. Eagle and checked the manhole with the explosion meter. The reading at MH 18 was 0% L.E.L. We closed the cover and removed the barricade.

915 N. EAGLE

On Wednesday afternoon, June 30, 1993, I checked MH 18. There was no gasoline odor. I then went to 915 N. Eagle and talked to one of the occupants of the house. She said they installed a plug in the floor drain and there was a strange odor in the basement for a couple of hours, but they haven't had any trouble with it since.

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